

2005 Summary of Legislation Related to Education

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This table includes enrolled bills signed by the Governor that address educational issues. A list of other unsuccessful bills related to education is included after this table.

Enrolled Bill Number	Brief Title	Code Section Changed	Description
HF 131	An act relating to the required education and training of dental assistants	IC 153.9	This bill further defines requirements for programs training students to be dental assistants. Some community colleges offer programs that would be affected by this statutory change.
HF 216	An act relating to motor vehicle regulation by the DOT including restricted and special driver's licenses for minors and the use of flashing lights on certain vehicles	IC 321.178, 321.191, 321.194, 321.423, and others	<p>This bill includes several provisions that affect school-aged students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The statute removes provisions that allow school-aged students working 20 or more hours, but not attending school, to have a full or provisional license. These students could apply for a restricted license for work purposes. 2) Sets the fee for a school bus endorsement at 10 dollars. 3) Allow student drivers on school permits to travel between home and a bus stop. 4) Compels the DOT to establish provisions to revoke a student license for violations of provisions to attend school or work. 5) Creates a Legislative Interim Committee to study Special Minor's Licenses.
HF 276	An act requiring that meetings relating to postsecondary school registration held by the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education be open to the public.	IC 261.2	This bill compels this private council to hold open meetings when considering submitted comments related to decisions on postsecondary school registration.

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HF 398	An act adding an exemption for colleges and universities established by city ordinance to the requirements relating to the registration of postsecondary schools	IC 261B.11	This bill is essentially a procedural fix for a situation involving Maharshi University.
HF 423	An act relating to participation in secondary school interscholastic sports at the varsity and inferior levels.	IC 256.46, 282.18	This bill makes two adjustments: 1) Any students 9-12 not meeting residency requirements are instantly eligible for any level of athletic participation below the varsity level, but must wait 90 days to participate directly at the varsity level. 2) 9 th graders open enrolling must wait 90 days to participate in directly in varsity athletics.
HF 619	An act relating to the sex offender registry including a new definition of child abuse and requirements for information to school districts and nonpublic schools.	Various sections	Section 20 of this bill adds a new definition to child abuse- that of cohabitation (unless married to or parent of) with a person on the Sex Offender Registry. All BoEE licensees are mandatory reporters and need to be aware of this. Sections 26 and 27 of this bill make changes to the duty of county sheriffs to inform school districts and nonpublic schools when someone on the Sex Offender Registry (whether a student or not) moves into or within the district. It also directs sheriffs to provide "relevant information" to schools initially, whereas now sheriffs only tell them of the presence of such a person.
HF 685	An act establishing the Child Identification and Protection Act, which prohibits the fingerprinting of children, and providing for exceptions.	IC 726.21-23	This bill prohibits the routine collection, use, and storage of fingerprints of children, including fingerprints used by fingerprint-scanning technologies, by schools.
HF 739	An act relating to education technology, including the creation of an Iowa Learning Technology Commission and pilot programs, and the establishment of a research triangle and	IC 262.9, 280A.1-5	This bill contains three primary actions: 1) Creates an instructional technology research triangle and clearinghouse. The implementation of this research triangle was delayed a year by an adjustment in the standing appropriations bill to July 1, 2006. 2) Creates an Iowa Learning Technology Commission, sets out parameters for the Commissions duties and establishes

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	clearinghouse.		<p>accountability procedures.</p> <p>3) Creates a technology pilot program with parameters for the pilots. These pilots were funded at \$500,000 for FY 06 and will be planned and implemented by the Commission.</p>
HF 742	An act relating to the Iowa Early Intervention Block Grant program	IC 256D.3 & 9	This policy bill reinstated the Early Intervention/Class Size Block Grant program for another year and includes some additional reporting requirements for the Department of Education.
HF 748	An act providing for state employee payroll deductions for qualified tuition program contributions	IC 70A.17B	Self-explanatory – see bill for details.
HF 761	An act relating to improvement of the early care, childcare services, education, health, and human services systems, revising the child and dependent care tax credit, and creating an early childhood development tax credit.	IC 28 (multiple sections), 279.60, 237A.30, 422.12C	<p>This bill is the major early childhood policy bill. The education appropriations bill, HF 816, also contains funding and some policy language on early childhood. Actions take by this bill include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Defining “early care” 2) Coordination of the various early childhood efforts by staff added to the Department of Management 3) Empowerment Board study of ways to improve efficiency and reduce redundancy in services for early childhood 4) Changes functions of Empowerment Board 5) Empowerment Board applying limitations to local empowerment board's carry-forward dollars each year. 6) Mandates information accessibility for early childhood resources 7) Creates uniform expectations for data collection related to kindergarten assessments given in districts. 8) Empowerment Board creates an early care integration plan. 9) Creates a voluntary child care quality rating system 10) Creates an early childhood development tax credit. <p>Includes other more detailed adjustments</p>
HF 772	An act relating to violations of the open meetings and open records law by a member of a governmental body and the lawful custodian of a public record	IC 21.6, 22.10	This bill adjusts the number of allowable violations of the open meetings and open records law from three to two.

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HF 816	Education Appropriations: An act relating to the funding and operation of and appropriation of moneys to the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Regents	Multiple code sections (see summary after table)	See detailed summary after this chart.
HF 825	DHS Appropriations: An act relating to and making appropriations to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Elder Affairs, the Department of Public Health, etc.	Multiple code sections	See bill for details. The bill includes some early childhood money for reimbursements.
HF 858	An act establishing a statewide work-based Learning Intermediary Network program	IC 256.40	This bill creates a policy shell in the event that funding becomes available for this purpose. Pending funding, this bill creates support for 15 regional work-based learning intermediary networks that would be a one-stop-shop for schools and business to coordinate work-based learning opportunities like internships, job shadowing, and apprenticeships for students. The policy would require all those agencies and entities currently providing similar services to coordinate efforts to avoid duplication or redundancy.
HF 862	Tobacco Fund: An act relating to and making appropriations from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust and the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund	Multiple sections	Nothing specific to education programming, but of interest to some.
HF 868	Grow Iowa Values Fund: An act relating to economic development, workforce, etc.	Multiple sections	Generally unrelated to educational issues, this bill does include 7 million dollars annually for five years for community colleges in efforts on workforce development.

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HF 875	RIIF: An act relating to and making appropriations to state departments and agencies from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, Environment First Fund, Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, Vertical Infrastructure Fund and General Fund	Multiple sections	This bill contains funding for: 1) Local libraries and the Enrich Iowa program 2) Maintenance and lease costs for part III of the ICN 3) Transmitter replacement for Iowa Public Broadcasting 4) ADA compliance upgrading for community colleges 5) \$500,000 for Iowa Learning Technology pilots 6) National Program for playground safety at UNI
HF 881	An act relating to the compensation and benefits for public officials and employees and members of the general assembly	Multiple sections	This bill includes salary increased for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, other cabinet positions, and legislators. The maximum salaries for non-contract employees are increased 2.5% beginning March 24, 2006.
HF 882	Standing Appropriations: An act relating to state and local finances by providing for tax exemptions, credits, tax credit transfers, and other matter and by making, reducing, and transferring appropriations.	Multiple sections	See detailed summary after this chart.
HF 883	Legalization language for erroneously established school district boundaries affecting Cedar Rapids, College, and Linn-Mar CSDs.	None	This language corrects a 20+-year-old problem where the city assessor of Cedar Rapids placed certain parcels of land in the wrong school district. This legalization language correctly places the parcels of land and affects select residents of the Cedar Rapids, College, and Linn-Mar Community School Districts.
SF 36	An act providing for the establishment of the state percent of growth for purposes of the state school foundation program.	IC 257.8	This policy language sets the allowable growth rate for FY07 at four percent.

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SF 176	An act entering Iowa into the Midwestern Higher Education Compact	IC 261D.1-3	This language compels Iowa to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact at a cost of \$90,000 per year. The compact provides a variety of costs saving, policy guidance, and research resources to the state's higher education system.
SF 245	An act relating to a secondary school core curriculum, including requiring the State Board of Education to determine a model core curriculum and set a statewide core curriculum completion rate goal, requiring school districts to develop a core curriculum plan for eighth grade students and to report student core curriculum progress annually and providing for the coordination of an educational data definitions working group.	IC 256.7, 290.60	This bill mandates the following actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The State Board of Education will develop a model core curriculum, with consideration to the ACT recommended core curriculum. 2) School districts are required to track and report data on all students' progress toward the model core curriculum. Reporting goes to students, parents, the community, and the Department. 3) All students shall have a four-year plan that includes a sequence of courses and tracking toward the model core curriculum. This plan must be reviewed and updated annually through grades 9-12. 4) The Department of Education must convene a Data Definitions work group to review current definitions related to data collected by the DE.
SF 313	An act relating to traffic citations issued for school bus warning device and railroad crossing violations.	IC 321.344A, 321.372A	This bill makes corrective adjustments to the legislation passed last year allowing for traffic citations for ignoring school bus warning devices.
SF 342	Supplemental Appropriations: An act relating to financial and regulatory matters by making and increasing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.	Multiple sections	This bill makes additional appropriations for the current fiscal year FY05. This includes additional money for Medicaid.
SF 346	An act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants and other federal grants.	Multiple sections	This bill creates state authority to disburse federal dollars for a variety of programs.

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SF 403	An act providing for the receipt of and costs relating to public record requests	IC 22.3	This bill adjusts current policy to allow for entities responsible for public records to only collect fees for actual costs of duplicating the document.

Summary of the Education and Standing Appropriations Budget Bills – HF 816 and 882

Funding

Above the Governor's Request

- Empowerment funding - \$23,781,594 - \$10,400,000 above the Governor's request
- Nonpublic textbooks - \$614,058 - \$23,600 above the Governor's request
- Community College funding - \$149,579,244 - \$4,208,830 above the Governor's request and \$9,800,000 over FY05
- Nonpublic transportation - \$8,273,763 - \$268,222 above the Governor's request
- Community College infrastructure funds for ADA compliance - \$2,000,000
- Iowa Learning Technology Commission pilots - \$500,000
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Replacement for indirect costs lost - \$101,164

Equal to the Governor's Request (approximately)

- Vocational Education salaries - \$514,828
- School Food Service - \$2,509,683
- Vocational Education Programming - \$2,936,904
- Educational Excellence program - \$55,469,053
- JAG - \$400,000
- State Library - \$1,378,555
- Library Service Areas - \$1,376,558
- Enrich Iowa Libraries - \$1,698,432
- Early Intervention/Class Size - \$29,250,000
- Shared Visions program - \$11,271,000 (Governor requested a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000,000 for Shared Visions that was not granted)

Below the Governor's Request

- Department of Education administration - \$5,139,542 - \$280,000 under Governor's request
- Student Achievement/Teacher Quality program - \$69,593,894 - \$23,090,000 under Governor's request, however, a \$24,310,000 increase over FY05
 - This funding includes \$10,000,000 for the equivalent of one additional day of PD for every district
 - It also includes an additional \$7,625,000 for either PD supports or teacher salaries
- Instructional Support levy - \$14,428,271 - \$369,918 under Governor's request
- School Foundation Aid - \$1,962,301,097 - \$513,081 under Governor's request
- IPTV - \$7,356,722 - \$63,225 under Governor's request

Other Items

- Continues \$11,798,703 cut to AEAs

Not Funded (Governor's Request)

- Sharing Incentives - \$0 - \$6,100,000 under Governor's request
- AEA Sharing Incentives support – 0\$ - \$400,000 under Governor's request

Policy issues included in the bills

- Open Enrollment
 - Changes regular deadline from January 1 to March 1
 - Sets a date for open enrollment applications for incoming kindergartener of September 1
 - Allows local board to designate superintendent to make decisions related to open enrollment applications
- Legalization language for school foundations
- Limits K-12 schools of 250 or less and high schools of 100 or less to the requirements for a SILO certificate of need prior to construction
- Repeals the 5 million dollar pool from the SILO SAVE fund
- Adjusts Budget Guarantee provisions for schools to allow districts to use either the 101% adjustment or the phase-down amount
- Additional Achievement Gap reporting requirements

Policy issues line-item vetoed (these items will not happen as a result of these vetoes)

- Implementation of a Value-added Assessment System including \$1,000,000 from Teacher Quality for this effort
- Board of Educational Examiners Work Group to review existing code and rule
- National Board Certification program study

Other Bill Information

Other bills of interest that did not make it through the process:

HF 27	Income Tax Deductions for Educational Contributions
HF 43	Use of high school students as county election officials
HF 55	Before/After School Allowable Growth
HF 79	Use of Management Levy to cover health insurance increases
HF 81	Exempts Bus Drivers for the Iowa School for the Deaf from regular licensing requirements
HF 112	Fund reversion for vacant state positions
HF 118	Reorganization petitions to contiguous districts
HF 237	Cigarette Tax increase
HF 239	SBRC adjustments for increased school transportation costs
HF 258	ICN supplemental weighting and allowing PSEO comparable courses to be taken
HF 316	IGOV Early Childhood appropriation
HF 340	Sale of ICN assets
HF 349	Expanded PPEL
HF 367	Antibullying and Harassment
HF 400	Tax Deduction for contribution to a qualified tuition program

HF 573	Task force on childhood obesity
HF 578	On-time funding for schools
HF 596	Add sexual orientation to the civil rights law
HF 707	Changes to collective bargaining
HF 729	IPERS changes
HF 740	DE – Misc. code changes
HF 741	Driver education by a teaching parent
HF 793	Changes to school board elections
HF 848	Expand foundation level to 100% and increase the local levy authority for community colleges
HF 853	Tax credit for contributions to school tuition organizations
HF 872	Governance Task Force – changes to local governance
HF 873	Governance Task Force – Education Subcommittee recommendations
SF 27	Iowa Studies curriculum
SF 89	DPH tracking student obesity data
SF 126	Prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation
SF 130	Cigarette tax increase
SF 150	Expands Education Equity statute to include sexual orientation
SF 190	Restrictions on bus idling
SF 220	Expanded use of PPEL and changing school early start data provisions
SF 221	Before and after school allowable growth
SF 406	Antibullying and Antiharassment bill
SF 416	Cigarette tax, adjust school finance formula and community college levy authority
SSB 1067	DE – Compulsory attendance age changes
SSB 1068	Include guidance and media programs in code
SSB 1157	IGOV early childhood policy bill

SSB 1158 IGOV sharing incentives bill
SSB 1159 IGOV educator quality bill
SSB 1160 IGOV bullying and harassment bill

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